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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

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Period for Reply

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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 26 January 2006.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-9, 12-15 and 18-20 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-9, 12-15, and 18-20 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Prelim./Amdt.

1. Receipt is acknowledged of the amendment filed 01/26/2006.
2. Drawing objection are withdrawn in view of applicant's amendment to the specification.
3. Claims 1-9, 12-15, and 18-20 are pending, claims 10-11 and 16-17 have been cancelled.

Response to Arguments

4. Applicant's arguments, see the REMARKs, filed 01/26/2006, with respect to the rejection(s) of claim(s) 1-9, 12-15, and 18-20 under 35 U.S.C 102 and 35 U.S.C. 103 have been fully considered and are persuasive. Therefore, the rejection has been withdrawn. However, upon further consideration, a new ground(s) of rejection is made in view of D.P. Christenbery (US 2,800,635) and Boss (US 4,855,882). The new ground of rejection follows.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

5. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

6. Claims 1-3, 9, 13, 15, and 19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by D.P. Christenbery (US 2,800,635).
4. Re claims 1-3, 9, 13, 15, and 19: Christenbery discloses an assembly for connecting a plurality of light emitting devices in parallel and a method of connecting the light emitting devices comprising a first body part (14 in Fig. 2); a second body part (46) configured to

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resiliently mate with said first body part; said first and second body parts configured to receive a pair of insulated conductors (42) therebetween; and apertures (32) formed in the first body (14) in a direction orthogonal to said insulated conductors, said aperture configured to receive contacts (36); wherein said contacts are configured to penetrate an insulation layer of said insulated conductors (42) when said contacts are inserted into said apertures. Further, Christenbery discloses a first group of channels in the first body part and a second group of channels in the second body part, and the first and second groups of channels each consists of a pair of channels (See 34 50 in Fig. 5).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

5. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

6. Claims 4-8, 12, 14, 18, and 20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over D.P. Christenbery as applied to claims 1, 9, and 15 above, and further in view of Boss (US 4,855,882) and Komai (US 6,017,241).

7. Re claims 4-8, 12, 14, 18, and 20: Christenbery does not disclose the contacts are hollow. However, hollow contacts are known at the time of the invention, and Boss discloses the hollow contacts (44) and the leads of the lamp are inserted into the hollow contacts. It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to substitute Boss's hollow contact with Christenbery's contacts in order to insert the leads of the lamp.

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Further, Christenbery does not disclose a light emitting diode. Komai teaches a light emitting diode package is attached to a pair of conductor wires. Further, Komai suggested the lamp holder is designed to mount either two types of lamps: a conventional incandescent lamp or an LED lamp (col. 4, line 27+). It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to substitute Komai's light emitting diode with Christenbery's light source because of the Komai's suggestion above and such substitution would be within the level of ordinary skill in the art.

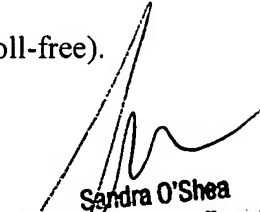
Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Guiyoung Lee whose telephone number is 571-272-2374. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Sandra O'Shea can be reached on 571-272-2378. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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